

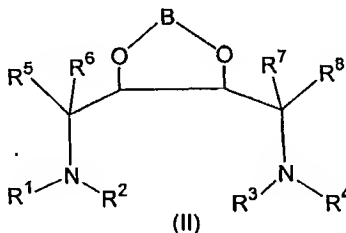
Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Alkyl groups may be straight chain or branched alkyl groups (e.g. C1-C20) such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, iso-propyl, butyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, dodecyl, and stearyl, "cycloalkyl" is meant to encompass (e.g. C3-C10) cycloalkyl groups such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or adamantyl~~adamantly~~. Aryl groups may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as halide (Cl, Br, F or I) or alkoxy groups, e.g. methoxy, ethoxy or propoxy groups. The aryl groups may be optionally substituted with one or more substituent such as halide (Cl, Br, F⁻ or I⁻), alkyl (C1-C20) alkoxy (C1-C20), amino (NR₂, where R = hydrogen or alkyl) hydroxy, halide (e.g. Cl, BR or F), carboxy (CO₂R', R' = H or alkyl) or sulphonate groups. Suitable substituted aryl groups include 4-methylphenyl (tolyl), 3,5-dimethylphenyl (xylyl), 4-methoxyphenyl and 4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one embodiment, the diamine is of formula (II)



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are as previously described and B is a linking group comprising one or two substituted or unsubstituted carbon atoms. Preferably R¹, R², R³, R⁴ are hydrogen, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are hydrogen or alkyl groups and B comprises C(CH₃)₂ or (CH₃)(OCH₃)C-C(CH₃(OCH₃)(CH₃)(OCH₃)C-C(CH₃)(OCH₃).